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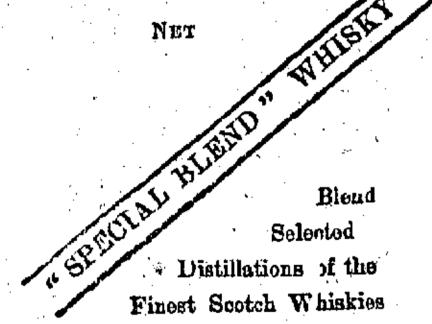
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REPEATEDLY during the present war, though it has barely lasted three months yet, the fact has been brought out of the extreme moderation of the Japanese official reports on the progress of the fighting. There has, of course, been a suspicion that the Japanese squadron operating against Port Arthur has suffered more than its Admiral has admitted in despatches, but, after all, there is nothing to prove this, and the whole fleet seems unimpaired in numtwo torpedo-boats. We have had many apparently from S. Petersburg, about great them has proved to be true, and the attempt for a loan on the Continent. Russians themselves have abandoned them. official or semi-official though some of them were in origin. On the other hand, no Japanese version of any incident coming from a reputable source has turned out to be false, and the official despatches have frequently been shown by subsequent information to be distinct under-estimates of the amount of success gained. A very striking instance is that furnished by the battle of the Yalu. The first news to reach Hongkong was REUTER's telegram of the 1st May, stating that the State Department at Washington had received news of a complete Japanese victory on the Yalu. Soon after noon on the 2nd instant our Kobe correspondent wired the news of the capture of reredos, which has cost £2,000.

Chiuliengcheng and gave (from Japanese official accounts) the Japanese and Russian losses as 700 and 800 respectively, while the guns and a number of prisoners. The Japanese Consul here received the same day a Government despatch from Tokyo, putting the losses at the same figures, but stating the captures to be twenty-eight guns, twenty Russian officers, and many men. A further telegram to Mr. Noma on the 3rd instant described the stubborn resistance offered by the Russians in their retreat on Fenghwangcheng, which added another 300 to the Japanese lösses. No statement was made about the Russian losses, except that the prisoners were said to be thirty officers and 300 men. We now have the Russian official admission as to the extent of their losses, which turn out to be far heavier than claimed by their enemies. One regiment alone, the Eleventh, lost ferty officers and 2,000 men, and the total loss is allowed to be between 3,000 and 4,000 -including the prisoners in Japanese hands, we may conclude. It wil. be seen that the Japanese studiously refrained from claiming any more success than they were absolutely certain about, and that the details, now that they have come out, show them to have gained a much bigger victory than they stated themselves. There is little wonder that, after this

notable success of the Japanese arms in the 11.00 first land engagement on a large scale, a great sensation is reported to have been 14.50 | caused both in England and on the Contiment of Europea, where the moral effect of 22.00 | the victory is regarded as incalculable. The critics who looked for a turning of the tables when the Japanese faced the Russians on land in force have received a rude blow. It would be foolish to build too much on Japan's opening win, but we can at least with some confidence reject now the hasty anticipations of those who, admitting Japan's naval superiority, claimed that on land at least the Russians must be the better men. We do not know the numbers engaged on either side in the battle of the Yalu. According to REUTEE, French and German crictics hold that the Russian force must have been small and was not intended to do more than impede he Japanese progress. But a loss of from 3,000 to 4,000 men and of so many officers does not seem to indi te a particularly small force; nor does the stubborn resistance offered by the Russians to the pursuing Japanese. It may be taken as certain that the Japanese were considerably superior in number. But their enemies were entrenched and on the higher ground, as well as able o attack the Japanese Telegraphic Address: PRESS. Codes: A.B.C. 5th Ed. | the time they were crossing the Yalu. What appears to have told so heavily in favour of the victors was what General KUROPATKIN calls "the catraordinary vigour of their artillery attack." It is evident that the time taken by the Japanese Shanghai, the wife of G. BUCHANAN, of a daughter. in their advance from Seou! to the Yalu has On the 30th April, at the Cathedral, Shanghai, not been wasted, for they have been able to transport with them artillery heavy enough to outrange and defeat the Russians. Those who blamed the Japanese military commanders for their "lack of initiative" must now retract.- Those generals were not inactive; they were making sure of victory.

It would not be surprising now if we were to hear that the negotiations men tioned by REUTER as approaching a conclusion between Japan and several financial houses in Loudon for the issue of a loan of five millions sterling, on the security of the first charge on the Japanese Customs, have proved successful. Not that we think any sound financial houses in London are likely to run away with the idea of a speedy Japanese win in the war. But the Japanese have done so much in three months—though the work done is the fruit, of course, of years -that even a cautious financier must be bers, with the possible exception of one or | tempted to take the risk on good security. At any rate, we look rather for the success wild stories from Europe, all emanating of Japan in her attempt to raise a loan in England (and probably also, partly, in the Japanese disasters, but not a single one of United States)_ than of Russia in any

> The Empress-Dowager is reported to have bought a pianola from a well-known Hongkong

Two Chinese Tactais from Peking bound for the S. Louis Exhibition travelled as far as Hongkong on the Matta.

To-morrow and on Sunday several excursion style. The German bandsmen did not stand on steamers will run to Shekwan, where the big their heads, nor did Mr. Vallance tear his hair annual festival is in progress. The journey in the presence of the audience, and several takes about three or four hours.

ested to hear that in completion of the memorial | have happened. Tientsin is a very hospitable to fifty-four Old Cheltonians who fell in the place, and if the present question is whether Boer war, Bishop Taylor-Smith on the 6th ult. | Tientsin or the Dallas Company can best stay unveiled in Cheltenham College a handsome the pace, we are bound to say that the odds at

On the 23rd ult. Peking best Tientsin at ! golf by 11 holes to 3.

The French torp do-boat destroyers Dauphin Japanese claimed to have taken also twenty and Aquilon left Brest on the 7th ult. for Kiangnan Arsenal. Bizerta (Tunis), en route for the Far East.

> Liverpool that the International Sailing-ship | found at their posts. The crew were stunned French and German owners having been surface. obtained.

April of the killing near Shunte, on the Lu-Han railway, of a Belgian named De Jose by a Frenchman, name unknown. The Belgiau .Consul at Peking had gone to Shunte to investigate the affair.

Englishmen in Tientsin appear môre outwardly patriotic than those in Hongkong. A very successful S. George's Ball, in fancy dress, was given by the Englishmen at the northern port on the 22nd ult.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to enquire into the disorders in the Church of England, says a telegram to Ceylon. The Commission includes Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, as Chairman, the Archbishop of Canterbury. the Bishop of Oxford, Sir Francis Jeune, and Sir Edward Clarke.

Yesterday at noon the Macao steamer Heungshan went into dock at Kowloon for overhaul. During her stay in dock the run will be taken up by the Hondm; she took up the run yesterday afternoon. The Fatshan will probably be the next steamer of the H.K., C. & M.S.B. Co. to be docked.

The presentation of prizes in connection wit the recent Fire Brigade competition should have taken place at the Central Police Station yesterday afternoon, but owing to the absence of H.E. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., who was visiting the New Territory, the ceremony has been postponed until next Friday.

In the Summary Court yesterday Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote, of the Land Investment Co., sued S. A. Rumjahn for \$153 odd in respect of rent for the house No. 15 Leighton Hill Road. Defendant failed to put in an appearance, and the Puisne Judge (Mr. T. Sercombe Smith) gave judgment for the amount claimed and costs

According to a Shanghai native paper, the head of the Kiangsi arsenal has, after considerable pains, succeeded in making a balloon which looks very beautiful, the surface being all covered with Chinese coloured silk. Governor Hya of Kiangsi has been requested to hold an official inspection of it. Owing to its small capacity the balloon can rise but a little over ten feet above the ground, in which position it begins to oscillate a great deal until it finally

During the twenty-four hours ended at noon yesterday, five cases of playue were reported as having occurred within the Colony. Four of these were fatal-all Chinese; one case came from Hunghom, one from Kowloon City, one from Sanchan village, and the fourth from Yaumati. all The remaining case was that of an European in a boarding-house in Queen's Road Central. When a representative of the Daily Press enquired yesterday at the Sanitary Department office with reference to the patient's name, etc., he was informed by the Assistant Secretary that the information could not be provided. This reticence on the part of the officials is probably due to the fact that they are not certain whether or no the case is actually one of plague. There have been 71 cases up to date.

Certain ex-residents of Port Arthur who have recently arrived in Shanghai, writes the Mercury, have, according to the stories they tell, become experts in dodging shell-fire. One tells us that if a shell falls too close to permit of effective running, the safest thing to do is to fall flat on the face. The concussion is less felt Again, it is said that the large Japanese shells usually bury themselves a couple of feet or so in the ground before exploding, with the result that the splinters fly up and out, so that there is a zone near the shell which is perfectly safe When an explosion is heard, the necessary action is to watch the fragments descending and dodge the larger ones. Altogether, the port has at times, if these stories be true, been an excellent place in which to get exercise of a kind Personally we should prefer to get our exercise in some other form.

On the 23rd ult. the Dallas Company gave a representation of The French Maid. The criticism of the performance in the China Times concludes thus:-With songs, dances, miscellaneous contributions of knock-about business, and an occasional selection from the original book, a lively and amusing if somewhat incoherent performance was carried on till 11.25 or thereabouts, when the company unanimously came to the conclusion to "chuck it," and bang went The French Maid in a sudden finale. This comes of S. George's Balls trips to Peking, and prolonged antagonism to the Tientsin Cricket Club. This performance of Saturday night will probably stand in the annals of the celebrated Dallas Company as a thing to be remembered. They picked up their parts and threw them at the audience in gallant other things did not happen which might have happened, but the performance was got through Old Cheltonians in Hongkong will be inter- so that something did happen which might not present are on Tientsin.

Chang Chi-tung, Vicercy of Liang Hu, and Wei Kuang-tao, Viceroy of Liang Kiang, were | sion to three sons of the Taotai of Shangha tomestat Wuhu on the 29th ult.; it was reported to inspect Devenport Dockyard and all the that they would discuss the removal of the ships in dock.

At the inquest on those lost in the submarine-It was authoritatively stated last month, in | boat A 1. Capt. Bacon said the bodies were Union had been successfully formed, the 75 per by the collision. Otherwise they would have cent. of the British tonnage stipulated by the been able to stop the leak and come to the

In the course of an interview with a represent News was received at Peking at the end of lative of the Japan Cazette, Sir Frederick Treves expressed himself as surprised at the excellence of the arrangements, the perfection of the organisation, and the splendid discipline of the hospitals, several of the larger and more important of which he has visited during his tour in Japan.

> The report of the Tungkun Medical Missionary Hospital for the year 1903 is to hand, The new railway which—some day—is to connect this Colony with Canton will pass through territory occupied by the Mission. The hospital is located in Tungkun City, people from Shamtsun, Taiping, Santong, Sheklung, and other places being received and treated there. This, like other medical missions, has really something to show for itself.

A despatch from Calcutta, 20th April, says:--"The news that Mr. Chamberlain's Budget proposes to add another 2d. to the Tea Duty was charged with incendiarism and beheaded. has created a storm of indignation in tea circles in Calcutia. The effect of the increase, it is believed, will lead to the flooding of the home market with the cheaper grades of China tea The Indian producer is the chief sufferer. The Tea Association is moving the Chamber of Commerce to assist them in a strong protest.' Cevlon was also exceedingly indignant.

Much interest is being taken in London in the new mineral known as thorianite, discovered at Balangoda, Ceylon. It contains 75 per cent. of theria-five times as much as monazite, which is worth £35 per ton. These discoveries in Ceylon of minerals containing thorium may be of great importance to the Colony if the deposits prove to be extensive, since theria is largely employed in the manufacture of incandescent gas-mantles. Additional interest attaches to the mineral thorianite, which is strongly radioactive, and may prove to be a source of radium.

The Yee Hing Loong and the Yee Fat Hongs write pointing out that in the account we published of the fire at 37. Bonham Strand it was stated that they had the premises insured for \$22,000 and that they recently lived at 1 Bonham Strand (in which building a fire had shortly before taken place). This is not the case, they say, as they had no insurance at all on the building, of which they had only taken the ground floor as a temporary office from the Sung Hang Houg, who were insured for the amount stated. The wording of your description, they conclude, "gives one the impression that we have a fire at every place we stay." Certainly we did not mean to imply such a thing.

In the course of a report on the German estimates of 1904, Mr. Robertson, one of the Secretaries to the British Embassy at Berlin mentions that in the new estimates a sum of £800 is inserted under the head "Furtherance of scientific, especially ethnological, studies in China." In explanation it is stated that, as the opening of China advances, a more exact study of the individuality of East Asiatic nations is becoming a pressing necessity. It is, therefore, advisable to station permanently in China a German scholar well acquainted with ethnology and the Chinese language, whose object is to develop intellectual relations with a form of civilization little known to us hitherto, bu based upon a past of several thousand years.

MASONIC.

The Consecration and Installation ceremony of the Hongkong Consistory No. 11, under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Scotland of 33 deg. H.E. took place at the Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday, Illustrious Companion G. A. Watkins 32 deg. presiding. The following are the Office-bearers for the

ensuing year:---

Grand Commander III. Comp. IG. A. Watkins 32 dg L. Mallory 30 F. Howell 30 Senior Warden W. Farmer 30 I. **L**esbirel 30 Treasurer C. Spafford 30 H. B. Bridger 30 W. G. G. Lonsk 30

 \mathbf{F} , Lemm, 30Inner[Guard W. J. Osborne 30 W. M. Everall 30 Master of Works W. A. Alien 30 W. E. Claret 30 Director of Music P. D. Hyett 3) E. R. Udall 30 Aide De Comp. By kind permission of Lt. Col. Iremonger and officers, the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry

will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night :--Varch..... The Belle of Bohemia ... Ord Hume ... La Reine d'un Jour..... Adam

Selection Tarentella ... "The Original Napolitaine" Jullien "God Save the King." MENU. Hors D'Œuvres Sardines on Toast. Potago Creme a la Jackson.

ENTREES. Lamb Cutlets a la Italienne Ox Tongue a la Francaise Cabbage Farcie Lobster Curry. Roast Sirloin of Beef Roast Chicken and Asparagus Sauce Boiled Bacon and Spinach

Rolled a l'Osly.

Cold Galantine of Veal and Tomato Salad. Marmalade and Vermicelli Pudding Tipsy Cake | Peach Tart Chocolate Ice Cream and Cake. DESSERT.

Coffee.

The British Admiralty has granted permisi

Home papers confirm the news that H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, R.E., K.C.M.G., the Governor-designate of Hongkong, is expected to leave about the middle of July for his post. He will proceed hither by the Suez route.

Surgeon-General G. Evatt, who so seriously libelied Hongkong the other day, has, it is reported, accepted an invitation to contest the Farcham Division of Hampshire in the Liberal interest at the next election. In 1886 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Woolwich.

A Shanghai volunteer dinner to celebrate the tiftieth auniversary of the formation of the corps was to be held at the Café Royal, Regentstreet, London, on the 12th ult, when a good muster was anticipated of past and present members, including five ex-commanding officers, and two, if not three, of those who took part in the battle of Muddy Flat on April 4, 1854.

A strange explanation is given as the probable reason why the palace fire at Sooul obtained such a hold on the building without being checked, says the Kobe Chronicle. It is stated that one of the customs of the country which is or was especially observed at the Court was that if anyone gave the alarm of fire he or she It—was therefore probably the fear of the consequences of giving the alarm which enabled the fire to obtain a good hold before it was

Sir Edwin Arnold's death, writes a personal friend of his to the Outlook, deprives English literature of an interesting and attractive, if not specially commanding, figure. Only by illbalanced adulation can he be ranked among the 'great" poets of his generation: yet it would be flying to the opposite extreme to withhold from the author of The Light of Asia recognition of many of the qualities essential in every well-found poetical armoury. His flowing diction and eloquence of phrasing were allied with descriptive powers vivid beyond the ordinary, while through the woof of his fabric ran a dreamy mysticism suited to his exotic themes. Sir Edwin, beyond question, was so deeply imbued with the subtle phases of Oriental thought, that he wrote with a surety which few Europeans have been able to attain. Another quality of Sir Edwin Arnold's poetical work was its unswerving sincerity: and here, we imagine, is the key to the tributes of welcome that were so freely accorded to his trilogy, as the successive volumes appeared. The Light of the World gained a host of admirers; still, in our judgment, Sir Edwin attained his highest poetical plane in some less-frequently quoted passages in his Sanskrit idyll, the Song of Songe

NAVAL NOTES.

THE "ALACRITY." H.M. despatch-boat Alacrity, flying the Admiral's flag, returned to port yesterday after-

H.M.S. Cressy, the Alacrity, and a few gun boats are about the only British warships at Hongkong. The U.S.S. Monterey is in dock.

CANTON.

FROM CUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Canton, 5th May. MURDERER EXECUTED.

Yesterday the execution of the murderer Cheung took place. This case has been thoroughly thrashed out by the officials here, and it seems pretty certain that the person executed yesterday was indeed the murderer. The case is, however, well known in Hongkong, and it is unnecessary to refer further to it. THE SIKH WATCHMAN'S CASE.

Abdul Mali, accused of the murder of his fellow-wutchman at Bainam some six weeks ago. was yesterday brought up to Canton, and lodged in the British Consular Gaol. His trial will come on shortly.

CANDIDATES FOR FOREIGN TRAINING. Last week an examination was held here which should interest all who wish well to hospital at Fenghwangcheng. Twenty-eight to send forty young students abroad, twenty to and horses being killed. According to those Japan and twenty to other countries, and five | who took part in the battle, at least 3,000 or hundred candidates presented themselves for the 4,000 were killed. examination, which was held at the I Yu Shu Yan. The fact that so many attended shows that great interest is felt in this movement by the Cantonese. Among the successful candidates was Tso Yuk, whom I mentioned some time ago as the brilliant youth who took his success in the China of the near future seems assured. I have had conversations with several of these young men, and find that there is great eagerness for reformalong moderate and, I may Selection ... "Coster Songs" Chevalier say, constitutional lines, and together with this Mazurka ... "La Comtesse" Translateur ... The Earl and the Girl... Ivan Caryll | there seems to exist a very real patriotism. Waltz "The Choristers" Pheips The feeling for Japan is of course very strong, and the Japanese victories are hailed with delight here, the cause being recognised as common with that of China.

WEATHER REPORT

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-

On the 6th at 11.30 a.m. The baremeter has risen throughout China and remains stationary in the l'hilippines. A marked depression exists in N. Japan moving towards the NE. there is also a shallow depression in the Pacific East of Luzon also moving NF.

Gradients are still rather steep on the China Coast and fresh NE, winds will be experienced in the Formosa Channel and northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:- Fresh NE. to E. winds; overcast

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE WAR

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

A RUMOUR CONTRADICTED.

London, 9.55 p.m.

The report that the Government had seized a destroyer building for one of the belligerents at a British yard is contradicted.

BY KIND PERMISSION OF JAPANESE CONSUL

SUCCESSFUL LANDING IN LIAO. TUNG GULF.

Токчо, 6th May, 4.20 р.m. General Kuroki reports that on the 3rd May the Japanese mounted scouts, after a severe hand-to-hand fight near Fenghwangeheng, drove the Russian horsemen towards Fenghwang-

The Chinese say that on the 1st May about 2,000 Russian infantry, posted on a hill east of Fenghwangcheng, fired upon 300 of their comrades retreating from the Yalu, mistaking them for the enemy, and 100 men were wounded and 70 killed. The rest fled in disorder, abandoning the commissariat carts.

Officers taken prisoners state that the only bodies that retreated in order on the 1st May were five or six infantry battalions and two artillery companies.

200 more Russians killed or wounded were found left on the field.

Tokyo, 6th May, 6 p.m. Admiral Hosoya reports that the seventh detached fleet, the twentieth torpedo flotilla, the Hongkong Maru and Nippon Maru arrived at 5.30 a.m. on the 5th May at Liaotung. Some of the enemy's sentinels were seen on the top of a hill adjoining the coast and were driven away by our fire.

The Naval Brigade, under Captain Nomoto, was then ordered to land. The ebb-tide preventing the boats' approach to the shore, they waded breast-deep for 1,000 metres and gained the shore at 7.22 a.m. Immediately marching, they reached the heights and hoisted

Meanwhile the cruisers Akagi, Oshima and Che at approached the shore on the flank of the landing-place for the purpose of diverting the enemy. The Akagi found 100 of the enemy and dispersed them.

The transports arrived at 8.5 a.m. with the first echelon of the Second Army, who sacing the Japanese mag at the top of the hill, immediately commonced landing, which they effected splendidly, despite the deep water. They are now building a pontoon.

TIBET.

LHASSA OFFICIALS DEFIANT.

London, 6th May, 9.55 p.m. The high officials at Lhassa have assumed a defiant attitude, and refuse to enter into any negotiations. A force was to leave on Tuesday last to dislodge the Tibetan army at Kharola.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE BATTLE OF THE YALU,-RUSSIAN LOSSES.

London, 4th May A despatch has been received from General Kuropatkin describing the battle of the Yalu, in which he refers to the extraordinary vigour of the [Japanese artillery attack. The Russian losses were very great, but are not yet exactly known. The 11th Regiment lost 3 Colonels. the 12th Regiment 9 Company Commanders. Eight hundred wounded have been put in the China. The Viceregal Government has decided | guns were abandoned, the majority of the men

NEW JAPANESE LOAN.

LONDON, 4th May.

Negotiations with several financial houses in London are approaching a conclusion, for the issue of £5,000,000 at 93, bearing 6 % interest: B.A. degree at the age of 13. For such ability the security to be the first charge on the Japanese Customs,

THE BRINDISI MAIL OVERHAULED.

LONDON, 4th May. The Russian gunboat Krabri fired a blank charge and stopped the Osiris nine hours off Brindisi. After two hours' detention the mails were sorted. The Russians demanded the Japanese mail, but this was not touched, being at the bottom of the ship. After examining the mails, the Osiris was allowed to preceed.

THE ATTEMPTED BLOCKING OF PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, 4th May. Reuter's correspondent at S. Petersburg wires that Admiral Alexieff, who personally directed the defence of Port Arthur, reports the attempt to block the passage on Monday was repelled. The fire-ships, armed with Hotchkiss guns, maintained a hot fire; when sunk the crews took to the boats, the majority being killed by the Russian fire. The Russians saved thirty clinging to wreckage.

WAR NOTES.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL NEWS. Shanghai papers publish the following despatch dated Port Arthur, 29th April, and signed by Major-General Floug :-

It is reported from Vladiovostock that to-day, at 7.25 a.m., the enemy's equadron was seen south of Askold Island, its strength being ten large vessels and six torpede-boats. At 9.45 a.m. it took the direction of Rousky Island steaming westward. No other news on this subject has been received.

According to the report of Captain Bolchakof, the Corean officials at Kengshen (Kyongsyong) seemed to be on the Japanese side, and would give no assistance to the Russians.

In different parts of the province of Kirin, the activity of the Hunghuize is increasing. The bands, mostly mounted, and 100 to 500 strong, seem to have some organisation. The pickets of railway guards have had some small engagements, on the 26th near Shitoucenzy, and on the 27th near the station at Tchaotoufu. In the former skirmish we had one soldier wounded, and in the latter Lieut. Boutkevitch received contusions, and two soldiers were killed.

During the night of the 29th, between Telin and Sultaiczy, the patrols of the railway guard heard an explosion; the patrols opened fire, to which the bandits answered with a volley and

It was found that some 70 feet from the bridge, four pyroxiline cartridges had been placed on the rails over a distance of nearly 100 yards; the explosion destroyed six rails; the road-bed and the sleepers were not destroyed and traffic has been resumed.

On the same night, between Sintaiczy and Houshitai, a fresh explosion was perceived at the junction of two rails, over a length of ten feet. Another cartridge which had not gone off was discovered.

is repaired.

course of an investigation, a large quantity of rokorok (explosive compound) was found in some Chinese shops, and some Bickford fuses. from time to time by the Russian authorities Some arrests have been made.

THE "FAWAN'S" ADVENTURES. The Mercury's special correspondent, writing

from Chefoo on the 23rd uit., says :-The Favan, chartered by the Chicago Daily News, a ived here this morning from a cruise through the Miaotao Islands, and along the Manchurian coast of Cores up to the entrance | Review on "Indian and Colonial Investments" of the Yalu River. Yesterday afternoon two says:-The half-yearly report of the Hongkong Russian torpedo-boat destroyers intercepted the and Shanghai Banking Corporation which has Favan some eight or ten miles south of Port just been issued is specially interesting on this Arthur; the ensuing explanations terminated occasion in view of the Far Eastern conflict. in the Russians taking command of the Fawan | One naturally looks to see whether the bank's and politely confining the captain and cor- resources are reasonably sufficient for such respondents to their cabins. The Pressmen time of political uncertainty. That the dividend were rejuteing over the probability of seeing distribution is maintained is of more immediate better" than their late Newchwang achieve- But fortunately in other respects also the statements. Unfortunately for the readers of their ment of accounts presented to the recent reassume command of their craft.

In discussing the affair with one of the crow I was informed that the officers and men of the two torpedo-boat destroyers were well clothed, and judging from their appearance well fed, and did not appear to be at all downcast over their recent disasters; in fact one of the officers expressed the opinion that any advantage gained by the Japanese at sea would subsequently be more than counterbalanced by the Russians on land; he was also confident that Port Arthur was impreguable both by land and sea. Several large men-of-war could be seen ying at anchor inside the harbour, and from the zigzag course steered by the torpedo-boat destroyers on leaving the Fawta it was presumed by those on board the latter that the approach to the harbour had been thickly mined by the Russians.

One of the objects of the Fawan's cruise was | Far East. to solve, if possible, the mystery as to where the Japanese are coaling their squadron. It was thought that possibly the Japanese had converted one of the Minotae Islands into a coaling depot, but the Fawar's cruise through these islands effectually controverted the idea. Of course it is possible that the Japanese are coaling at son, but it is worthy of note that although the Japanese squadron has been frequently sighted at various times by passing steamers, yet on no single occasion has any collier been noticed in the vicinity of the fleet.

There has been some talk here as to the likelihood of the recently appointed American Consul to Antung shortly proceeding to his destination, but the chance of his arriving there by water appears to be extremely small in view of the fact that the Russians have mined the narrow navigable channels of the Yalu River. The Fawan approached the river at low tide and noticed at the entrance something which appeared to be a piece of matting floating on the surface of the water. Closer inspection revealed a moored contact-

MISCELLANGOUS.

The N.-C. Daily News publishes the following telegram dated Tokyo, 1st May :- The Japanes newspapers unanimously sympathise with the splendid death of the land force on the see, but they point out that since the commencement of hostilities they have become so accustomed to reports of victory that it is not impossible that the Japanese have reached a position of overweening confidence. The Kinshin Maru, they say, has not been lost in vain, as her loss may avert many impending greater calamities. This

incident, though deeply regretted, does not affect the general operations.

According to the Sinwenpao, the Russian camp on the south of the Liaoho is being visited by plague, and, owing to the inadequate number of medical officers and the shortage of medicine, deaths occur every day. For fear of an outbreak of plague, especially during the coming summer, the Russian commander has ordered his men to have all the streets swept clean, and to catch and kill all rats.

The China Times says that the two Japanese depôt of an enormous transit trade. Within a arrested on the Press-boat Fawan at Newchwang by the Russians have been released on the thousand-mile radius of Shanghai lie the whole

representations of the U.S. Consul there. Remarkable ignorance is stated to prevail provinces of French Inde-China, Borneo. of the war, the peasants thinking that the Japanese are a rebel tribe of savages who have refused to pay taxes, and the Tsar is therefore sending soldiers to punish them.

The president of the Russian War Relief Society received the following telegram from the unfortunate Admiral Makaroff, dated Port Arthur, March 29-shortly before his death :-"Last night was a very hot one, but we cannot hope for a very quiet time now or in the near future. I sleep without undressing, in order that I may be ready for any emergency. Consequently I cannot observe your medical advice to take care of myself. Nevertheless I feel splendid.

L'Echo de Chine, commenting on the friend. ship of England and the United States for Japan, sets against this Australia's preference for Russian success in the present war and quotes a great authority-Melbourne Truth . Of course our contemporary finds also some more reputable Australian papers to support its case, but we should hardly have thought it would pay so much attention to the short. sighted and selfish attitude of a Press obviously playing to a Labourite gallery.

According to accounts received at Chefoo there is no lack of provisions at Port Arthur The calprits, could not be found. The road It is stated that the cost of foodstuff has only advanced 25 per cent. since the beginning of At the station at Ercendjiandry, in the the war. This is partly accounted for by the enforcement of a tariff prohibiting dealers from enhancing their prices beyond the limit specified Junks, too, are said to be busy smnggling acros. At Port Arthur and Newchwang all is quiet. | food from China to some point on the coast north-east of Port Arthur.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHA BANK RESOURCES.

"Trustee," who writes in the April Monthly Port Arthur and the possibility of "going one importance to its shareholders than to the public. newspaper, however, the captors of the meeting in Hongkong is equally satisfactory Fawan on arriving some three miles off Port | The deposit and current accounts amounted on Arthur, were instructed by signals from the December 31 to \$200,627,713, and the notes in coast to forego their prize, where upon the circulation to \$16,259,244. Against these the captain and correspondents were allowed to bank had cash amounting to \$38,366,269, coin lodged with the Government amounting to \$8,500,000 and bullion of the value of \$7,824,187. The proportion of coin and bullion to accounts and circulation was thus over twenty-five per cent., which compares very favourably with the position of our great London banks, the highest proportion of the cash held by any one bank to its current and deposit accounts at the date in question being just over twenty-one per cent. As regards its reserves, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has, in addition to its paid-up capital of ten million dollars and its silver reserve of six million dollars a sum of £1,000,000 invested in sterling securities, its Consols having been written down to 85 and its holding of the National War Loan to the low price of 90. One can therefore regard with the utmost confidence. the resources of the bank which plays such an important part in our commercial Empire in the

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL. 8th May, 5th Sunday after Easter. (Regation Sunday). Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.) Matins (11.0 a.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Venite, Elvey; Psalms Purcell and Turle; To Deum, Hayes, Russell and Stainer; Benedictus, Havergal in E Hymns, 169 and 136; Offertory Hymn, 142. Evensong (5.45 p.m.).

Responses, Tel is; Psalms, Goss, Stainer and Soaper; Magnificat, Russell in E.; Nune Dimittis, Tuylor in G; Hymns, 143, 527 and 179; Vesper Hymn-Ward (No. 2).

> S. PETER'S CHURCH. Queen's Road West. 5th Sunday after Easter.

Holy Communion, 7.50 p.m. Matins (II a.m.). Venite, Smart; To Deum, Gregory: Benedictus, 5 mart: Hymns, 4, 540, 538, and 523. Evensong (6.30 p.m.). Magnificat. Turle; Aunc, Jones; Hymns, 1

460, 593, and 274. The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends mine concealed beneath the innecent-looking ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

> GOSPEL HALL. Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road

Meetings are held as follows:-Sunday -Acts 2, 42, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m. Tuesday-Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class

Thursday-General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Sunday-Prayer Meeting, at 6 p.m.

MR. ALLEYNE IRELAND.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. The Straits Settlements consist of the islands of Singapore and Penang, Province Wellesley, and Malacca, together with a few small islands of no present importance; and the colony owes its unwieldy name to the fact that its territory lies along the shore of the Straits of Malacca-Singapore, the capital of the colony, is to South-Eastern Asia what Hongkong is to North-

Eastern Asia, a great port of call and the

of the Mulay Peninsula, Siam, the southern

among the Russian population on the subject | Sumatra, Java, Celebes, and the lesser islands of the Archipelago. For this immense area their operations. On the other hand, part of Singapore is the trade centre; and the importance of this commerce may be gauged by the fact that the value of the imports and exports of the colony reached in 1902 a sum of has greatly stimulated the trade between silver £52,000,000, an amount greatly in excess of the countries. total value of imports into the whole of our American and West Indian colonies, including

Canada, in the same year. The administrative system of the Straits Settlements presents nothing of distinctive interest to the student of political science. is a Crown colony government of the ordinance type, and as such its chief claim to notice is that in the 35 years of its subordination to the Colonial Office it has escaped the gubernatorial their produce than they would have done ten inflictions with which some of our colonies-Barbados, Trinidad, Mauritius, and Hongkong, however, from several contributing causes. for example—have been visited from time to In regard to tin, which is by far the most time. But what the system itself lacks in point of special interest may be found in a consideration of some of the administrative problems with which the local Government has been confronted.

The questions of currency reform and labour

supply have presented elements of peculiar

difficulty, and a discussion of them falls

naturally into place in the present group of "Studies," since the former constitutes a serious factor in the financial policy of every colony having a detached monetary system, and the latter represents the most vital economic problem common to all tropical and sub-tropical countries, whether they politically dependent or independent. The fall in the rate of exchange of silver as compared with gold, a phenomenon due to causes entirely beyond the control or provision of the Straits Government, has reduced the gold value of the local silver dollar from about 3s. 9d. in 1882 to 1s. 7d. in 1902. This downward movement of exchange has been continuous over a number of years, but it has been subject to violent fluctuations from day to day; and in discussing the general effects of a declining and unstable currency emphasis must be laid on the fact that the different economic interests of the colony have been very differently affected. according to whether the controlling factor for any particular interest has been the absolute decline in the value of the dollar or the fluctuation in its value from day to day, the latter condition operating within the sphere of the falling gold value of silver, and with such force that a loss due to the general movement of silver over a considerable period might, under certain conditions, be counteracted by successful speculation on the daily rate of exchange. For instance, the banks have benefited greatly from the element of daily fluctuation, and the merchants have suffered greatly from the same cause, because the former with their special facilities of information have been able to speculate more successfully on the rise and fall of the dollar than the latter, and for the reason that from the magnitude of their capital they have been better able than the merchants to accept risks and to sustain losses. In the mutual relations between the banks and the merchants two important factors give the former a great advantage in all transactions based on a fluctuating currency—one is that, the rate of exchange being much more sensitive than the price of merchandise, those who deal in money alone carry their risks for a shorter period and can effect adjustments much more frequently than those who deal in merchandise as well; and the other is that in exchange operations, the necessities of the merchants be ing always more urgent than the necessities of the banks, the latter are in a better position than

ing market when they are purchasing and a falling market when they are selling. It is more difficult to trace the precise effect on the mercantile interests of the colony of the simple decline in the gold value of the local dellar. considered apart from the question of daily fluctuation. The mercantile community of the Straits Settlements may be divided into two classes. one containing the great whosesale houses which conduct both an export and an import business: the other containing the retailers, chiefly Chinese, who may be regarded as the agents for the purchase and sale of that portion of the imports which is retained for home consumption and of that portion of local products which is not required for export. The division is imperfect because the two classes are not mutually exclusive, and for other reasons, but it is accurate enough to serve as the basis of some general considerations. The trade returns of the colony for 1902 show that the import trade was evenly divided between gold-standard and silver-standard countries-\$156,379,000 from the former and \$154,731,000 from the latter-but that the value of exports to gold countries was nearly three times as great as that of exports to silver countries-\$210,000,000 to the former and only \$72,000,000 to the latter. Under these circumstances it may be assumed that as the wholesale traders of the colony paid out on a gold basis \$155,000,000 for their imports, and received \$210,000;000 on a gold basis in return for their exports, the fall in the dollar, in so far as it had a direct effect on the transit trade, yielded to the merchants a profiton the larger sum as against a loss on the smaller; in other words, the falling dollar has injured the merchant of an importer from, and has benefited him as an exporter to, gold countries. Turning now to the retail traders, it seems probable that they have gained more from the fluctuation in the dollar than they have lost from the fall in its value. In regard to most commodities, except such as have a well-known and customary price,

the former to resist, within certain limits, a ris-

. the dealers have generally been able to raise the retail price in sympathy with a rise in the wholesale price, and they have always done so when they have found it possible, whereas they have never lowered their prices until competi-

tion has compelled them to do so. To sum up the situation as affecting the mercantile interests of the colony, it may be said that the only undoubted gainers from a fluctuating dollar have been the bankers, and in a very small way the retail dealers; that whatever advantages the merchants may have been able in special instances to secure from this cause have been more than offset by the uncertainty which it has introduced into all commercial transactions by the growth of speculative bus. ness, and by the discouragement which the risks of a fluctuating currency offer the investment of capital; and in the great majority of cases the fluctuation in the dollar has made it more difficult and more expensive for the merchants to finance what the merchants have gained as exporters to gold countries from the fall of the dollar they have lost as importers from gold countries; and there is no reliable evidence that a low dollar

If we approach the question from the stand point of the interests of the producers and the consumers we find that what has been a benefit to the former has been a serious source of loss to the latter. As far as the producers of the colony are concerned (and we may properly include those of the Federated Malay States), the fall in the value of the dollar has been a distinct temporary advantage, for nearly the whole export of local produce goes to gold countries, and in consequence the producers receive to-day more dollars for any given quantity of or 20 years ago if sold at the same sterling market price. The advantage has accrued, important local product, one effect of the low dollar has been this, that, as the wages of the labourers have not risen as fast as the value of the dellar has declined, the dellar-profits on the sale of tin have increased, and another, which has had a very important bearing on the prosperity of the tin miners, is that, as the cost of production has been lowered in relation to the sterling price of tin by the relatively smaller proportion of the total receipts which has been paid out as wages, the mine-owners have been placed in a more advantageous position than formerly in regard to the competition of Cornwall and Australia. It must be noted, however, that the price of tin is fixed in Europe and America, and, whether resting for the moment on speculative operations or on the usual basis of supply and demand, is entirely are independent of the rise or, fall in the local dollar. It is clear that the increased production of tin which has followed the increased profits due to a falling dollar has done much to bring the supply of tin nearer to the point of demand, and that a fall in price may occur which will more than offset in the future such advantages as have arisen in the past from the high price of tin and the low rate of exchange. The same may be said of all local produce-namely, that a temporary advantage has been reaped from the fall in the dollar, but that in the long run the uncertainty of dollar prices and the tendency to overproduction more than

counterbalance the profits from this cause. As far as the community at large is concerned, regarded as a composite whole made up of individual consumers, the fall in the dollar has bee entirely a loss, and in many cases a very serious loss. The day labourer and the salaried employee have both suffered, but the hardship has been greatest for the latter class, since it includes the chief consumers of imported goods. It is no exaggeration to say that for the salaried employee. European, Chinese, or Eurasian, the cost of living has doubled during the past 20 years, and that after long service, a large number of persons find themselves, despite the normal increases in their salaries, in a worse financial position than they were at the time they took up their work in the colony. So great has been the distress from this cause that the better class of employers have placed some portion at least of the salaries of their servants on a sterling basis. But, notwithstanding this, the salaried employees have suffered seriously, both from the decreased purchasing power of the dollar and from the depreciated value of their savings.

The advisability of a reform in the currency of the colony has been discussed from time to time during the past ten years, and early in 1963 the question was investigated by a committee, of which Sir David Barbour, one of the most eminent authorities on finance, was the chairman. After collecting a great deal of evidence the committee reported in favour of the adoption of a gold standard by the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States, and Johore, but refrained from making any suggestion as to the value at which the new dollar should be fixed. Steps are being taken to carry out the recommendation of the Committee; and it is probable that before this article appears in print the change from a silver standard to a gold standard will have been complated by the introduction of a new dollar, which the local Governments will undertake to maintain at the fixed ratio to the British sovereign and by the demonstisation of the British and Mexican dollars now in circulation. the time I write it is not known what the gold value of the new dollar is to be, but the general opinion in the colony is that the Government

will fix it at 2s. In face of a conflict of interests such as exists in the colony between the banks and the merchants, the producers and the consumers, and between the trade with gold countries and the trade with silver countries, it is of course impossible to effect a serious change in the monetary system without inflicting at least a temporary loss upon someone; and the matter resolves itself, therefore, into a question of the degree of advantage or disadvantage to be enticipated from the altered conditions. Viewed in this light there is no doubt that the balance of advantage will rest with the larger interests of the colony. The element of speculation which hitherto has affected the trade with gold countries will be transferred to the trade with silver countriesreaped from fluctuations in exchange will be at Tls. 145 with probable buyers. taken from them, and the disadvantages which fell from the same cause to the lot of the merchants will be removed. But as the capital of the banks is small when compared with the total capital invested in the businesses of the merchants, it is again the larger interest which

will be benefited. Finally the general interests of the colony as represented by the Government and the municipalities, will be well served by the introduction of the gold standard, on the one hand, because these hodies have heavy gold obligations to this head. discharge for salaries of officials and the payment of pensions, and, on the other hand, accause the large Government and municipal loans which it may be necessary to raise from time to time can be floated on a gold basis at a low rate of interest without the fear, which capital.—Times.

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POLICE COURT.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

Friday, 6th May.

STOWAWAYS. Seventy-eight Japanese, 61 women and 17 men, were charged as stownways. After the s.s. Goodwin had taken in a cargo of coal at Kuchinotzu, on the 29th ulf., the defendants were stowed away in the steamer at night-time

by some members of the crew. Defendants stated that they had paid various sums to a Japanese who placed them on the steamer without giving them tickets. They desired to go on to Singapore. They were farmers. The men did not clear out of Japan to evade military service.

Mr. Gompertz said there was not room for so many in the prison and he did not desire to put HAVE YOU TRIED Japanese into stocks. He would see if the Japanese Consul could arrange for them to be sent back to Japan.

Five of the male defendants who admitted being accessory to bringing the women to the steamer were fined \$100 or two months' imprisonment and the rest were fined \$25 or 21 days'. The women were fined \$20 or seven days' hard labour.

Fourteen members of the crow-Chinamenwere charged with implication, Mr. P. W. Goldring, of Mr. J. Hastings's office, appearing for the defence of the bo'sun.

The chief mate gave evidence that the steamer left Kuchinotzu on the 30th ult. On arriving at Hongkong the stowaways were found concealed in the after lazarette, under sailors' bunks, and in the bunks. The Bo'sun came aft when three or four women had been turned out of the forecastle and said something about money if he would say nothing about it. The carpenter and two quartermastershad deserted on the ship's arrival, and the lamptrimmer and another quartermaster deserted while he was at the Police Station. The sailors lived in the peop-house, aft on the starboard side. The door of the lazarette was on the sturboard side also. There was no doubt that the Japanese had been stowed away with the knowledge of the crew.

By Mr. Goldring witness said it was not probable that the stowaways had been there without knowledge of officers. The second mate had been sent to the lazarette one day to see about some rope.

Other witnesses were called. The second mate said he had been twice in the lazarette while at sea but saw nothing. He suspected that the stowayays were in the hold on those occasions.

An Indian fireman said that one night at sea he had seen the sailors passing food down the after hatch, and the bosun, with a big knife in his hand, had threatened to kill him if he reported the matter.

Mr. Goldring pointed out to His Worship that the ringleaders of the movement had described, and further submitted that it was by no means clear that certain of the officers did not know that the stowaways were on board. The Indian gentleman's evidence, the man who spoke about the two-foot knife, was hardly

The Bosen was fined \$20 and the rest \$5:---

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 6th May, 1904: -An active enquiry for most of our principal stocks has been maintained during the past week, but owing to the scarcity of sellers business has been somewhat restricted in volume. Indo-Chinas and China Sugars have again attracted a large share of attention, and show a further advance on last quotations.

BANKS.- Hongkong and Shanghais continue quiet with a few small sellers at \$655. London quotation is unchanged at £64. Nationals are

-firm with buyers at \$38. MARINE INSURANCES .- Cantons have further advanced, and are now enquired for at \$200. China Traders are weak at \$60 with no buyers over \$59. Unions are stronger and can now be pluced at \$540. Yangtszes are in request at \$125.

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REFINERIES.—China Sugars have continued in strong request, and sales have been effected at \$140,\$141 and \$142 cash: the market closes with further buyers at \$142. Luzons continue on offer at \$10.

MINING.—Punjoms have declined to 50 cents sellers. Other quotations in this section are unchanged, and there is no business to report. DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS .-- Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are quieter, and Shares are now procurable at \$214. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are firmer, and can now be that is to say, from the larger trade to the placed at \$101. New Amoy Docks are still out smaller. The advantages which the banks have | of favour at \$321. Farnhams are unchanged

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MISCELLANEOUS .- Green Island Cements are firmer with small buyers at \$231. China Borneos have improved to \$10 with sales and further buyers. Watsons have been booked at the improved rate of \$15. Electrics are wanted at \$132. Fenwicks have sold and are procurwould always exist under a silver standard, that able at \$48. Steam Water Boats have a fall in exchange will increase the liabilities in advanced to \$161 buyers: this Company regard to payment of interest and reparment of has declared an interim dividend of 70 cents per share against 60 cents per share paid last

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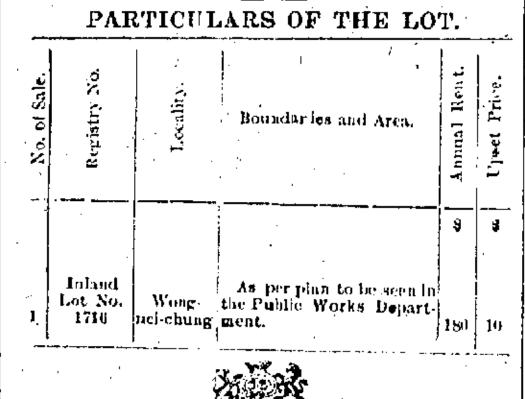
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CHINESE LABOUR FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Under the heading of "Ah Hum," Mr. R. S. Gundry, former Secretary of the China Association and a well known ox-resident of Shanghai, follows:-Our jinrikahas were ordered for writes as follows to the editor of the Saturday

thought and custom seem necessarily quaint or whether, as Dr. Edkins has suggested, because Sir John Mandeville and Marco Polotold such wonderful things that their readers did not feel sure whether they were dealing in fact or fiction, Europeans have always been prone to see only a ludicrous side of Chinese life.

Opposition that this was unfair, and that it was time a ludicrous side of English life was exhibited to the Chinese? A debate in Parliament, for instance on, say, The (potential) Sorrows of Ah Sin!

One always expects a certain amount of amusement when China comes up for discussion. But China plus South Africa! The yellow man ousting the white man from labour, which he won't do, and the black man from labour for which he doesn't suffice, and being compelled to do it into the bargain. Everybody being wronged. Sympathies all round. Indignation while you wait.

logie, as Molière's Maitre de Philosophie told M. Jourdain, teaches three operations of the mind which had best be defined in his own terms. "La première est de bien concevoir, par le moyen des universaux; la seconde de bien juger, par le moyen des catégories; et la troisième de bien tirer une conséquence, par le moyen des figures; Barbara, Celarent, Darii. Ferio, Baralipton, &c."

To specificate: Universaux: Generalise on the subject of South Africa. Categories: Express primitive forms of thought contributed by the understanding independently of experience. Consequence: discredit the Government in the eyes of those who have less experience still And now for the figures : let us recall our Latin. Barbara (suggesting Barbary)-They shall be sold as slaves. Colarent-They shall be hidden in an enclosure. Darii-they shall be deluded by promise of Daries. Ferio-but shall be beaten with stripes. Baralipton-Borrioboola

Surely a sufficient equipment. Immaterial that China is a free country, and that there exists no more power to compel a Chinaman to go to South Africa and work in the mines than exists here to compel Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman to do so. He may be deluded, of course-we are all subject to illusions: still Chinamen are generally considered fairly capable of looking after their own interests. Or he might be kidnapped: but that is not an experiment which could be carried out on large scale; and there would be a good many opportunities of disclosure between his village and the Rand compound. It would appear tolerably certain therefore that if he does go, he will go of his own accord and because he thinks the offer tempting. He may feel dissatisfied when he gets there: but if he is, that first batch of "Chinese cheap labour" will. as you suggest, be the last, A good many curious things were said in the course of the debate, but it was not suggested that the enslavement would be so strict as to prevent him writing home, or leaving for home when his time is up; and if he write, or speak, evil of his experience no more "slaves" will be obtainable from his countryside.

And this suggests another reflection, which seems almost as absurd as the supposit in that the authors of the agitation really believe Ah Sin is in danger of maltreatment. Still suppose we pursue it as an exercise in logic. What if the object of so much virtuous indignation fail to materialise? If he cannot be coerced-and slavery certainly implies coercion -the only alternative is persuasion. Suppose he declines to be persuaded? It is of course all make-believe because the supposition of his engaging of free will to work for wages under clearly understood conditions seems to exclude the proposition of slavery, and then what becomes of the indignation? As a purely abstract proposition, therefore, let us look at an analogous case. There has been going on, for many years, a great and growing emigration from China to the Straits Settlements. Thousands go, every year, to work there and in the Malay States on plantations, mines, and in various wave; and thousands return after saving a little money and completing their term. So that the whole business is familiar to all concerned. Yet lament is made that the number is insufficient. It is true that the movement is almost entirely from the south-eastern provinces, and Chinamen are clannish. It is possible that the Transvaal emigration agents may tap another source There is an immense population in Shantung whence thousands of labourers go every year to Manchuria. Some of these may go, or they may not. The only thing certain is that they will do as they like.

Large districts of China are subject to periodical famines through floods and droughts; and it is possible that good wages and abundant food (even under conditions which appear to Sir | jungle path. Henry Campbell-Bannerman hardly distinguishable from slavery) may attract emigrants from regions so afflicted. But I do not think they will take their wives and families with them even then! The Chinaman doesn't do that unless he intends to settle, and he doesn't often intend to settle—even in the Straits where he is comparatively at home. In fact, if his enemies-I mean of course his friends-in this country thought it really concerned their responsibility to prevent him from going to South Africa, they might not improbably attain their purpose by procuring the insertion, in the regulations, of conditions that every emigrant shall take his wife and children, and shall have | 3 Norwegian steamers are under charter to the the benefit of the proselytising efforts of every representative of every sect who desires to promote his spiritual welfare. Fiat experimen-

Supposing all these difficulties overcome, and that Ah Sin is found ready to go to South Africa in his thousands, as presumed, I heard, the other day, a fresh reason why he should be prevented. An orator who had expre id himself on the subject (1) of the wrong anat was going to be done to the yellow man by enslaving him (2) of the wrong that was going to be done to the white man by supplanting him, went on to say that the Basutos refused to allow their people to work in the mines on account of the enormous mortality—which seemed to me u reason for desiring, on high moral grounds, to exclude yellow and white as well as black, and so void the mines and the question as well.

But I see Mr. MacNeill surmises that Ah Sin may be allowed at least religious freedom, and that the provision of accessories may entail expense! Let him be at ease. If the Chinaman is left to his own devices he will pay his own shot. He is not accustomed to look for Government subsidies at every turn.

A VISIT TO A DYAK VILLAGE.

PICTURESQUE SCENERY. The Rev. C. B. Woodd, in From Month to Month, a Hongkong missionary journal, described a visit to Merdong, a village in Horneo, as 5 a.m. It was still night as we passed through the streets of Kuching, for the sun does not rise until six. The streets were quiet and deserted Sin,-Whether because mere oppositoness of the Skh policemen were on duty at the police station, and here and there in the Chinese quarter was seen a blacksmith already at work or a man lighting an early kitchen fire. The reads in the neighbourhood Kuching are very neatly kept. The road payvies and coolies are Indians (often called Klings in these parts). They come, I think. chiefly from the Madras Presidency. Men and women-the latter often accompanied by their Did the thought occur to His Majesty's little children-work on the roads, and their slim figures, dark skins, good features and bright clothes are very pleasing

There is a wonderful diversity of race in those parts. Our jinrikshamen were Chinese. the domestic servants are mostly Malays, the policemen ar Sikhe, the Government soldiers are largely Dyaks, the navvies, as already stated. are Southern Indians. The road along which we were travelling run through thickly-woode t country for some four miles down to a junction of two large rivers, where a boat was waiting for us. It was rowed by half-a-dozen boys, who had come to fetch us from the Dyak village, whither we were bound. They were tough little brown-skinned fellows, with pleasant,

We were protected from rain and sun by a roof made of the leaves of the nepa palm, But a debate is nothing if not logical: and which grows in abundance along the sides of the brackish rivers. It is a most useful tree, used left Singapore on Wednesday at 10 p.m., duction of salt and of sugar. My companion at 5 p.m. and guide was Archdeacon Sharp, of Kuching, who takes especial interest in the Christian village of Merdong, to which a row of some two hours brought us. The village lies at the head of a narrow creek, left bare and muddy at low water. It was an interesting experience being paddled quietly up the narrow watery avenue, surrounded on either side and over-head by the forest of neps palms.

bright faces.

And now for the village itself. Dyak villages consist generally of only one house, but this house is of an extraordinary kind. It is in reality a street and row of houses built on piles. The different families live in separate room; which are ranged in a continuous series along what I will call the back of the structure. The size of a village ist reckoned by the number of 'doors' which it contains. The doors op in on to a wide gallery or verandah, on which the people sit and work during the day at we wing mats or sundry bousehold occupations, while others are out on the farms and plantations. Here too visitors are entertained. The floor of the verandah and rooms is formed of laths of wood, which from their springy nature and the fact that they are laid at a little distance from one another, gives the stranger a sense of insecurity. The rooms are dirty and untidy. Fowls and dogs prowl about; and when pigs a ekept under or near the house things are made worse still. The house at Merdong is not a large one-only eleven doors. The total inhabitants number fifty. They

come forward in the most friendly fashion as

Archdescon Sharp mounts the notched tree trunk which serves as a ladder of entrance to the house. Everyone shakes hands. . The village is surrounded with jungle. The curious cry of a monkey was noticeable, and of alizard which had taken up its abode in the church roof. We waked out through the, jungle to visit the pepper garden of a well-todo Chinese settler. The plants are made to grow up stout poles, and are carefully guarded against damage by insects. The greater part of the papper of the world comes from Borneo. The Chinese immigrants grow a great deal. It was interesting in our walk to see so many of our familiar food-stuffs in the making. Here there would be sage palms (sage is made ! from the pith of the tree), and there tapioca plants, roughly suggesting the enstor-oil plant in its growth (tapioca is made from the roo'). Here a occount tree and there a cocoa tree (though there are very few of the latter). Here is gambier, from the leaves of which a tanning extract is obtained. and there is the valuable guita-percha tree, of which also the leaves are used; the tree is not tapped as is the case with the indiarubber tree. Then there are pepper, and sw et-potato, and sugar-cane, and not far away coffee and tea-

plantations. Well, the house of the Chinese planter was about as dirty and dismal a place as one could wish for not a comfortable or cleanly corner in the house. But the old man. has been away from his country for fifty years, though totally lacking the codlictic roose, was full of courtesy and generosity. First two dusty armchairs were produced in the inner chamber, which chiefly differed from the outer in being darker. A lamp: was lit to illuminate the gloom, and the lumber hiding within it. Next he brought us as a gift four lir re coccanuts, and next a fat duck ready for killing, and, not yet content with his generosity, he offered us an immense branch of banana fruit, which was presently slung from a pole and borne off by two coolies. Our host and his sor escorted is on our way home to the confines of his plantation, and then, lamp in we threaded our way back along the

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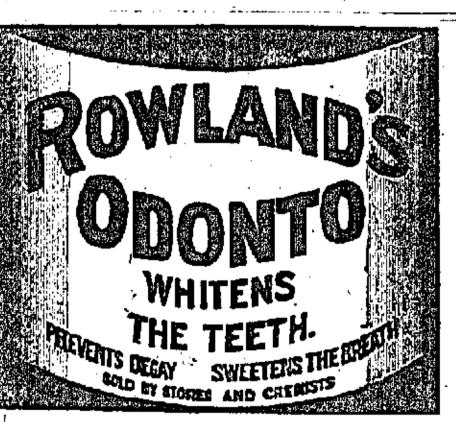
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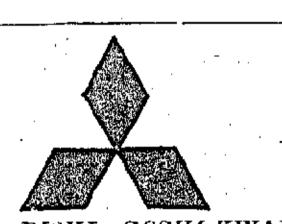
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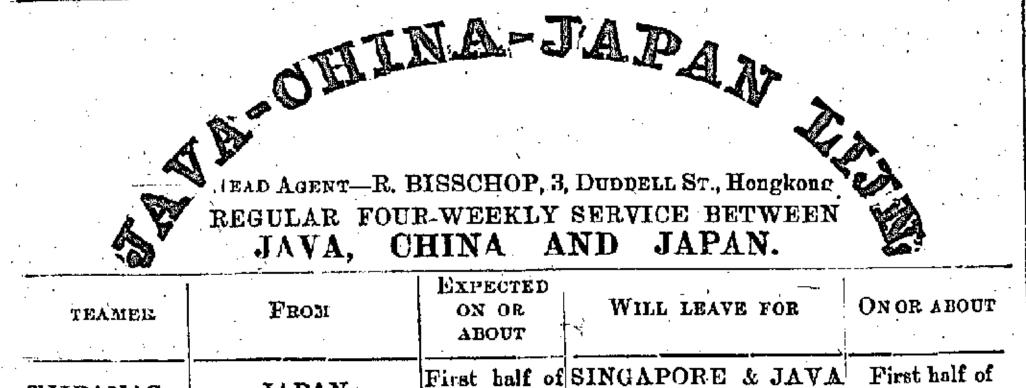
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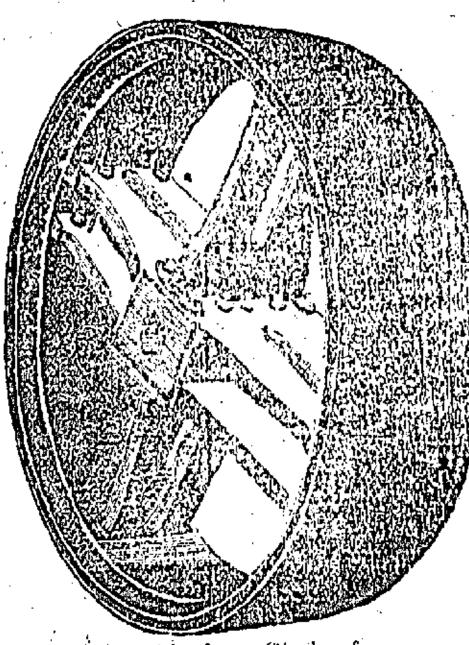
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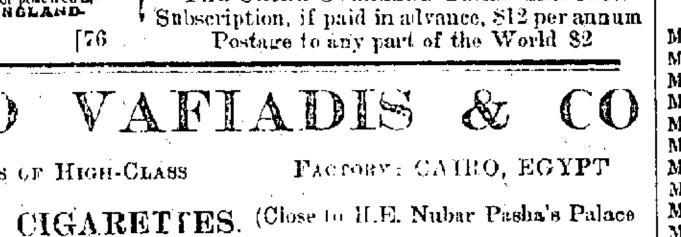
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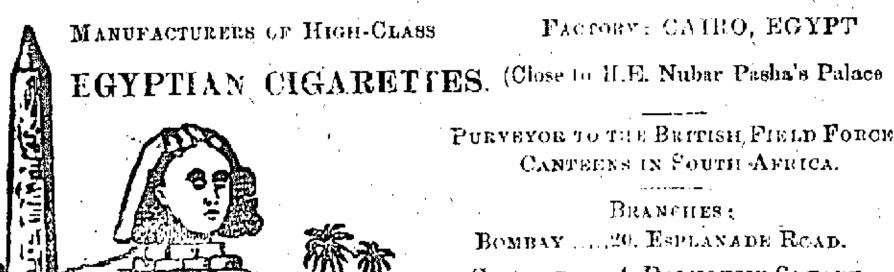
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Chas. E. Monro, en route Amoy Rinaldo, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, Comdr. D. St. Aubyn Wake, en route Singapore Robin, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 gans, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Vanghan, West River Rosario, sloop, 980 tons, 6 guns, 11,400 h.p.,

Comdr. Thos. Jackson. Yangtsze Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 249 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. L. W. Jones, West River Sirius, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. C. H.

H. Moore, Mirs Bay Snipe, river gun-boat, 85 tons, 2 gans, 240 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Ernest W. G. Davidson, on Sparrowhawk, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 h.p.,

Lieut.-Comdr. Codrington, Hongkong Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 250 tons, 6 guns, 5,600 h.p., in Reserve Talbot, cruiser, 5,600 tons. 11 guns, 9,600 h.p., Capt. Lewis Bayley, Singapore

Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons 6 guns, Commodore C. G. Dicken, at Hongkong Teal, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, Lieut. Comdr. E. F. R. Dugmore, on Yangteze Thetis, cruiser, 3,400 tons, Capt. J. C. A. Wilkinson, Shanghai

Tweed, gunboat, 362 tons, 3 guns, 200 h.p., on Yangtsze

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TO-DAY. Sale, Celory Seeds, &c , Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, noon. Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2,30 p.m. Pierrots and Songs, St. Patrick's Hall, 8 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

	CLOSING QUOTATIO	NS.
		6th May.
	On London.—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	1/97
	Bank Bills, on demand	$1/9.7_{\rm H}$
	Bank bills, at 30 days' sight	1,91
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	Credits, at 4 months' sight	$1,9\frac{3}{4}$
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	Bank Bills, on demand	224
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	Bank Bills, on demand	43 <u>}</u>
	. Credits, 60 days' sight	441
	On Eombay.—	•
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	bank, on demand	1334
	ON CALCUTTA.—	
	Telegraphic Transfer	133
	Isank, on demand	1331
	ON SHANGHAL-	
	Bank, at sight	721
	Private, 30 days' sight,	731
	ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	874
	ON MARILA.—On demand	Nomina
	ON SINGAFORE.—Un demand	
	ON BATAVIA.—Un demand	1067
	On Haiphong.—On demand	
	On Salcon,-Un demand	., 24 p.c. pr
	On BANGROK.—Cu demand	63
	Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.10
	Gold LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	£58. 3 0
	BAE SILVER, per oz	25‡

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL. The Imperial German mail steamer Oldenburg left Singapore on Wednesday, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on Monday, the 9th inst.,

at 5 p.m. The Imperial German mail steamer Sachsen left Colombo on Sunday, a.m., and is expected here on the 12th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China steamer Suisang, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., at 6 p.m., and is expected here on the 9th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P.M. steamer Korea, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, leaves Yokohama for this port via Inland Sea, &c., on the 5th inst. THE CANADIAN MAIL. The C.P.R. steamer Empress of China left Vancouver on Monday, the 2nd inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call. MERCHANT STEAMERS. The steamer Shimosa left Shaughai for Hongkong on the 6th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 9th inst.

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The H.A.L. staemer Theodor Wille, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., a.m., and is due here on the 9th inst. The C.N. steamer Kansu left Tientsin on the 3rd inst. for Chafoo and Hongkong, and is due here on the 10th inst. The P. & A. steamer Indrapura arrived at Yokohama on the 30th ult., and may be expected

The C.N. steamer Changsha, from Australian ports, left Port Darwin on the 30th ult., and is expected here on the 11th inst. The C.C. steamer Lothian arrived at Yokohama on the 2nd inst, and left on the 3rd, and should arrive at Hongkong on the 12th inst.

here on the 10th inst.

The E. & A. stramer Eastern, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 3rd inst. for Manila | Hongkong and China Gas) and Hongkong, and is due here on the 13th inst, The steamer Richmond Castle, from New York, arrived at Manila on the 29th ult. The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer Shawmut

arrived at Yokohama on the 22nd ult. The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer Agamemnon left Victoria (B.C.) on the 22nd ult. for Japan and Hongkong. The O.SS. & C.M. steamer Ningchow will | Hk. Steam Water-boat Co., }

leave Victoria (B.C.) for Japan and Hongkong Limited. on the 15th inst: The C.C. steamer Chingwo left Astoria for Japan ports and Hongkong on the 1st inst. The U.C., steamer Atholi, sailed from Salina Cruz for Moji and Hongkong on the 30th alt.,

and is due here about the 5th prox. The steamer Sikh sailed from New York on the 4th inst.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.

Per Coptic, from San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kalbach, Messrs, Ludovic Brigmaudy, H. Eca du Silva, Fred. W. Hartford, and B. Wightman; from Honolulu, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cochrane, Misses Ellens and M. Cochrane, and Mr. F M. Brooks; from Kobe, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ford, and Mr. Scherer; from Manila, Lieut. D. F. Dinukes, U.S.N., Mrs. Dinukes and infant, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Priestly, Hon. | CIGAR | Alhambra, Limited a d Mrs. Breekman Winthrop, Misses Francis H. Gray, A. P. Tomelli, G. E. McVeno, Minnie Webb, Wilkinson, K. Young, and Susan Colton, Judges Blount, A. C. Carson, John C. Sweeney,

P. H. Fillmore, H. R. Goodin, A. Ireland, H. K. | Per Simla, for Hongkong, from London, Mr. Williams.

and J. Wrightman, Mr. J. Eccles, Miss Eccles, from Port Said, Dr. and Mrs. Koane. and Mr. A. Robertson; from Yokohama, for London, Col. and Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Varnum, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard and 2 children, Mr. H. Messrs. Watkinson, F. Biddlecombe, F. Chal- PROSPECTS. loner, T. Johnson, W. A. Greest, Bathgate, Danaldson Bailey R. James Hocks H Craver

Hemaos, C. M. Moore, D. F. Malone, J. S. and Mrs. Davey and child, Mr. and Mrs. Little, Dr. C. Forsyth, Col. R. Holbech, Mise Sinclair, Per Malla, from Shanghai, for Hongkong, Messrs. T. C. Dyer, H. Pourkett, H. T. J. Mr. and Mrs. G. Stewart, Mrs. W. H. Elderidge, | Crean, H. Gillings, Bain Wilson, A. Cochrane, Miss Agnes Thisson, Messes. L. D. Costs, M. M. | and H. Duck; from Marseilles, Messes. Michael, Harwood, Terrell James, Bas ico, N. Pattison, Sternberg, and T. J. C. Anderson; from Port Ernest Tequet, and B. Weill; for Colombo, Mr. | Said, Mr. W. W. Clarke; from Colombo, Capt. Claud Bussell; for Bombey, Mr. A. D. Shanes; Mongomerry and E. V. Charrington; from for Freemantle, Mr. and Mrs. Greig and infant; Penning, Dr. and Mrs. Davis; from Singapore, for Port Said. Mrs. B. Matweira and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Caulfild, Mr. and Mrs. Brazenall Mrs. Sparanskaia, Messrs. Frische, Traumann, ind infant, Drs. H. Wright and Jehanger, Kusmann, E. Kinoff, Kalling, Schwalbe, Huhl, Messrs. J. E. Woodward, Dickson, Baumann, A. J. Goltvez, A. T. Chebaboer, V. A. Polevoy, S. H. L. Lee, Browning, M. Kouff, Bauwan i. N. N. sgnatereff, M. Ignatieff, G. Cherikoff, K. A. Von Sauten, and G. Whaley; for Shang-A. J. Vesmosky, A. Goverotsky, A. Sesman, hai, from London, Mr. and Mrs. Macartney, F. Leisburg, M. Masson, N. Mutookin, and A. Rev. and Mrs. Perry, Messrs. Malcolm, T. Malmosky; for Marseilles, Rev. E. C. and Mrs. Morgan, E. F. C. Jones, T. Milne, W. C. Nichells and 2 children, Mrs. Turner, Messra. O'Donnell, E. C. Jarrett, A. Woolley, and E. W. A. Mayson, A. J. D. Souza, and B. Mc. Hobden; from Marseilles, Mrs. Marsh, Messre. Gregor; for London, Mrs. H. T. King and 2 R. H. Parkes. S. T. Helse, Grigymeff and children, Dr. E. H. and Mrs. Baldock, Dr. C. de | Chlekint off ; from Bombay, Mrs. Kermani and and Grant T. Teent, Major C. M. Prkins, Schildre Messrs. Mundy and Rustomji: for U.S.N., Messrs, T. Auglemyer, G. H. Bolmer, Yokohama, from London, Mr., Mrs. and Miss B. and Mrs. Daly and child, Misses H. Beckley | Herbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and infant;

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		JOIN'	T ST	OCK	SHARES.	Congrong, 6th May.	JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON A CO., LD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
	Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Issur V'Lur		LAST DIVIDEND	CLOSING QUOTA TIONS	CANTON-WUCHOW LIN
•	Banks. Honglong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30/-div. & 10/- bonus at 1/8 = \$22.99 per share for 2nd half- yearended 31-12-1903	\$635, sellers. London £64.	One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow Friday, at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Cant 8 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days. These vessels have 8 and are lighted throughout by electricity.
•	National Bank of China, Ld Do. Founders' Shares	20,010 A 14,443 B 750 fdrs	£10) <u>£</u> 8		. \$38, buyers.	HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO ST 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central (opposite
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•	Yangteze Ins. Assoca., Ld. Canton Insurce. Office, Ld.	8,000 10,000		וי \$60	\$12=20 p. ct. for 1902. \$15 for 1902.	\$125. huvers	
•	Fire Insurances. Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ld. China Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	. 8,000 20,000			\$22‡ for 1902 \$7 for 1902	, \$295, buyers. \$83, sellers.	PEERLESS SCOTS W HAIG & HAIG, Ld., DISTILLERS
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	Douglas Steamship Co., Ld.	20,000	\$ 60	\$50	{ ber cent, i year } ending 30 to 1903	\$36, sellers.	
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	pany, Limited	20,000 7,000		5100 { 5100	Fin. of 7 p.c. making in all 12 p.c. for 1901}	\$10, sellers.	Ceulon, Flintshire. 29th—Candia, Java Rhi-
	Luzon Sugar Refng. Co., Ld. MINING. Punjom Mining Co., Ld	60,000		.,,		0 cts., sellers.	peus. May 3rd-Albenga. Ambria. Prinsesse Monthly Bo neurie, St. Muad, Pak Ling, Taurus. Zieten. ARRIVALS AT HOME. May 3rd-Glendoon, Peleus, Roanoke, Ajoz.
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210 10 p. ct. div. & 1 p. ct. | \$150, buyers. bonus for 1902 } \$140, sellers. 10,000 6,000 Hongkoug Rope Mfg. Co., Ld. Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ld..... 325 | 15 per cent. for 1903 ... 748, sales & sellers. \$25 Final of \$12 mak- ing in all \$16 per \$210, buyers. Hongkong Ice Co., Lid...... 5,000 share for 1903.....) \$20 for year ended | 1300. Hk. High-Level Tramways) \$100 30.11.1902 Company, Limited Final of 6 per cent. making in all 12 (\$161, huyers. percent, for year (\$6 | \$12 for year ended 31.7 03 | \$133, buyers. Dairy Farm Company, Ld. .. 10,000 1,200 \$10 30 per cent. for 1903 Campbell, Moore & Co., Ld.

Bell's Asbestos Esstern) 8,004 12/6 None Agency, Limited..... \$4 90cts. (p. share for you \$91, buyers. United Asbestos Oriental, 9,900 ordy. Agency, Limited..... 10 \$29.70 | ended 31 5 1903 | \$210, buyers. Tebrau Planting Co., Ld. .. None 180 cents for year | 190, sales. China Povident Loan and) ending 31 12 03 Mortgage C. mpany, T.d. § Watkins, Limited. \$10 10 per cent. for 1903 ... \$74; buyers. 10,000 The China Light & Power : 15,000 Company, Limited...... Int. div. 5 pc. en ac-William Powell, Limited. . 12,000

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310 | count of year ending | \$10, buyers. \$50 First Year\$50. Shanghai&HongkongDyeing & Cleaning Co., Ld. anton-Hongkong Ice and) None Cold Storage Society,Ld. (25 p. c. for year \ | \$200. Co.'s Philippine Co., Ld. (... 00-8-00 graded 30-6-00 \$10 None\$10, s:llers.

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SYNOPOIS OF INSTALMENTS I TO IV .- Mr. Clement Frith, a Commission Agent, living in Kensington, finds himself in rather low water. His daughter Dora tries several means by which to make both eads meet, but does not succeed until she takes in a lodger, a wealthy gentleman of the name of Lagdon, and with an a r of mystery about him. On his being taken ill one day a doctor is summoned who tella them their lodger is past recovery. Lagden makes a will leaving Dorn all his property providing she is willing to marry him at once. It appears that Frith gives his consent to this strange request before he informs his daughter of it. After a conversation with the dying man, Dora refuses to marry him. At last her father persuades her to consent; a elergyman is called, and the ceremony performed. I agden afterwards gives the girl a packet which, he says, must not be opened until the rightful owner claims it. Later in the day, on looking into the man's room, Dora is astonished to find that he has disappeared. The next morning Frank Dorne, her former lover, who, she thought, had died abroad, calls. On hearing that Dora has been married only the day before, Dorne returns to his hotel, determined to go abroad again as soon as opportunity serves. He meets an old friend, Jim Cowle, who tells him a strange story of a diamond he is in quest of. He has traced it to Frith's house, in the possession of Jos ah Lagden. Jane Nudds, the servant at Frith's, makes the acquaintance of Jake Mealing, who, while out one evening, contrives to get from the girl all the infermation he can concerning the man, Lagden. On their return, he feigns illness, and asks to be allowed to go into the house and rest. Jane is called out of, the kitchen by her master, and Mealing uses the opportunity to conceal himself, afterwards following Clement Frith upstairs.

CHAPTER V. LOVE-AND A LITTLE WIDOW.

that no reference is intended to those extramore doubtful, if a mere obstinate pride in ming cheerfully to herself. their own power of hating has not been the Probably from the fact that she had her own mainstay of that hatred.

Then again, after that extraordinary interview with Mr. Jim Cowle, he saw that, whatever his future position with the girl might be, one duty lay clearly before him. Still believing in her, and in the purity of her motives, he saw in this sudden and strange marriage some plot in which she played the part of an innocent and unwilling tool; moreover, the suggested character of her husband, Josiah Lagden, made it imperative that she should at least know her danger, even though it might be too late to do anything, beyond warning her. Again, the long and frightful conspiracy to obtain possession of this wenderful diamond had ended, for the moment, at the young figure of this girl; the terrible idea occurred to Frank Dorne that she might even be in possession of it, withou knowing its value, or the tragedy that was a part of that value. Again, more than all else, Frank Dorne knew the character of the man Cowle, and that no life would be sacred to him, if once he had made up his mind to get the

Accident had placed the thread of the matter in Frank's hands, and that thread led straight to the girl. For many reasons, other than mere personal ones, he decided that he must see her. He sat down, then and there, and wrote a diplomatic little note to the girl.

He wasted quite a lot of the hotel's best notepaper before he could get the thing straight. It was altogether such an extraordinary situation; he was writing to a married lady, asking her to meet him in a clandestine fashion; and he could not disguise from himself the fact that he loved that married lady, quite as much as he had ever done when she was single. \ However, there was more in this than mere social convention; and at last the note went.

It proved to be merely an ordinary letter; and the writer begged that his old friend Dora would meet him, if only for a few moments, somewhere or other where he could talk to her. At all events, he felt he could not go abroad again (he was careful to underline that sugges-

He sent off a messenger with that note, with instructions to wait for an answer. After a how I should set in a place like this 'ere, an' on fearful delay, as it seemed, the messenger boy a seat that lets you down so soft, with anybody came back, with the verbal reply that "the lady a 'olding me ands in public. Not but wot I would write."

how his letter had been received, he might not them as 'ave looked down on me might see me have raged and furned as he did all that morn- this hour!" ing, and, in fact, all that day, and all the next able, by some magic agency, to lift the roof off about a friend of mine in Diprose Square?" that little house in the dingy square in Kensington, he might have seen Dora carrying that letter about with her, as her most cherished possession; weeping bitter tears over it, at the thought that she was driving him again out of by accident, sir-a letter from you, a askin for England-he who had been saved from the grave, one last look at 'cr. It ain't fer me to do anyas it were, to come back to find her faithless.

But, as little Dora was above all things perfeetly honest and pure, she made up her mind that she must not, under any circumstances, see Frank. Certain solemn words had been and could not be undone; nothing but death thing; but a look from Miss Nudds checked the considerate enough to go away, in order to die plied. "In the first place, I can look after my. could end the business, and she trembled when impulse. have come back at all, and certainly might not. her skirts. This was evidently said with the "I don't think so," said Dora. "But oh, place where it would be least likely to be sought the Surnames in strictly Alphabetical Order, so Kobe & Osaka Kobe Chronicle" Office.

Magnes Walls of Walls at the present time, even exist.

purposes, that there are certain kindly-natured, smile, thanked her again, and went off with blundering people, who will look after every- her to the door. one's business but their own, and whose one desire is to bring about events which should | Nudds was back at work in the grimy little not, in the strictly moral sense, occur at all. basement, as though nothing had happened.

probable that Mr. Frank Dorne might, at this to come upon Dora, listlessly going through very moment, be a hopeless wanderer off the some domestic duties; in a moment Miss Nudds face of the earth, never having for a moment drew back from her, with a shocked expression. again set eyes upon Dora; and Dora, for her | "Why, wotever 'ave you bin doin' to yerself, part, might have the serene consciousness of Miss!" she exclaimed, taking the frail little having held fast to the strict line of duty. figure by the shoulders, and turning her round Miss Nudds, however, being on the scene, to the light. "Never ave I seen anythink like rather changed the aspect of affairs, as shall be it, talk about two burnt 'oles in a blanket-"

Miss Nudds was of a sympathetic nature turning away her face. and she had seen Dora's white face and heavyrimmed eyes for a couple of days. At first, naturally enough, she set that down to the

She happened to walk into Dora's room one morning, believing it to be empty; she saw her mistress sitting by the shabby little dressing table, reading a letter. More than that, "it's pore things like me wet's get to protect she saw the girlish face drop down on to the theirselves. I can do all your little bit on my letter, and the young shoulders heave and shake | 'ead, so to speak; wile you just go an' 'ave a with suppressed sobbing. Miss Nudds, with a quiet little walk in Kensin'ton Gardins. You tightened mouth, slipped out of the room again, won't find anybody about in the Broad Walk; without having been observed.

At that very moment the impatient voice of | noo pin." Mr. Clement Frith called loudly for "Dora" It is the easiest thing in the world to be very | the girl came running out from her room. Miss angry with anyone, and very contemptuous; it | Nudds was very busy with a brush on the is not by any means an easy thing to keep that stairs, and did not even look up; but no sooner anger and that contempt alive for any length of | had Dora disappeared than she slipped into time. Of course, it must clearly be understood the room, and found, as she had anticipated, that the letter was lying on the dressing table. ordinary beings who have allowed a passion to It took her just about fifteen seconds to master smoulder for a life-time, and have carried it to the contents, and to get the address of the hotel their graves. It is doubtful, in fact, if even firmly fixed in her mind. By the time Dora with such people, some momentary flicker of came slowly upstairs again, Miss Nudds was remorse has not at times touched them; still busy once more with the stairs, and was hum-

little affairs on at that time—that very day, in Mr. Frank Dorne had made up his mind that, fact, for the butcher had not yet been formally that all was very well, after all. from the hour he crossed the square, after part- dismissed, Mr. Jake Mealing not having put in ing with Miss Dora Frith (as he still obstinate- an appearance—she was keen to see that here ly insisted on calling her) he would never again | was real remance; a young man (Nudds decided look upon her face, if he could avoid doing so. It that he must be young, and probably very is probable that he had not gone a hundred yards | handsome) sighing for his old love; going | before he began to repent; it is certain that he abroad preferably to die, while she was bound repented a hundred times on his way back to his to another. Flesh and blood-especially the flesh and blood of Miss Nudds-could not stand it: they must meet:

very afternoon Mr. Frank Dorne was summoned into the hall of the great hotel—to meet an apparition. Miss Nudds—very upright, on the extreme edge of a soft easy chair, glaring defiance at a hall boy who scented sport, and was watching her. As Frank did not know Miss Nudds in the least, he could only, of course, awkwardly smile at her, and ask what it was she wanted.

Miss Nudds rose slowly, and beckened Frank mysteriously into a corner. Conscious that the eyes of all sorts of undesirable people were upon him, and that the girl had various colours upon her person which did not exactly harmonise with each other, or with her hair, Frank waited for what was to come.

"It ain't the right thing, I know, sir, to meet a gent unbeknown like," began Miss Nudds, in a mysterious whisper-" but w'en young lady, as corkscrews wouldn't drag 'er name out of me, is cryin' 'er eyes out, an' murmurin' yer name, I asks you, sir, to 'ave

The whole of this amazing speech Miss Nudds poured into the ear of Mr. Frank Dorne in one breath, and then paused for a reply. Frank, probably thinking that she was unwell, quietly asked her to sit down, and seated himself beside her. Seeing that the hall boy was still watching him, with a vacuous grin, Frank scowled at him so suddenly and effectually, that the grin faded, and the boy discovered he had business in another part of the building.

"Now, perhaps you will be good enough to tell me what I can do to assist you," said Frank. "I can only imagine that you have mistaken me for someone else; in fact, that there has been some extraordinary blunder. Will you tell

"Well, of course, sir, if Miss Dora-"

Miss Nudds suddenly found that her hands had been seized in a strong pressure, and that the earnest eyes of Mr. Frank Dorne were looktion of departure) without at least saying good- ing into hers. "Tell me," he cried, "tell mo what she says. I suppose she sent you to me?"

know, sir," she added hastily, "it don't mean Now, if Mr. Frank Dorne had only known nothink; but I could on'y wish as a few of

"Will you answer my question?" exclaimed day after that. If he could, in fact, have been Frank, impationtly. "You know something

"No. 67," said Miss Nudds calmly. "Has she sent you to me?"

"She doesn't even know I'm 'ere this minute," said Miss Nudds. "But I see quite think; but if you should 'appen to be strollin' surprised if you didn't see someone you know."

Frank squeezed her hand again, quite gratespoken over her, and she was irrecoverably fully. He had slipped one hand into his bound to another man. The thing was done, pocket, with the intention of giving her some-

a desperate fashion, to hear of that death. No; Nudds cheerfully. "Dunno' w'en I've 'ad mustn't make love to you; but, as we are both bring the diamond to me." it was entirely out of the question. So far as sich a pleasant little chat. Quite like old times, in Dreamland this morning, I may make love intention of averting suspicion, in case of Frank, I really do need a friend very much; for, even if anyone guessed or knew that she that any name can be found instantly.

In less than an hour from that time, Miss And one of those persons was Miss Jane Nudds. But on that very morning when Mr. Jake But for Miss Jane Nudds, it is highly Mealing had put in an appearance, she contrived

"I didn't sleep well, Jane," said Dora,

"Now, you put down that there duster, Miss -this instant minute," commanded Miss Nudds severely, "an' upstairs you go, an' on with yer unexplained absence of the bridegroom; then, at. I never did; if anything was to appen quite unexpectedly, she discovered the real to you, w'ere's my wages, I'd like to know. You never think about a pore gel like me-de yer? Up you goes, Miss!"

"But Jane-I don't want-" "It ain't wot you want," said Miss Nudds-

an' you'll come back to find the 'ouse like a too fine a morning to spend within doors, if to lay at your feet, and with the hope in my there was any chance of getting out. Dora heart that I might make everything straight wavered for a moment, but Miss Nudds was and smooth for you in the future." adamant; laughing a little, she went upstairs,

and put on her hat. It was not a great way to the Broad Walk; was a very pleasant one on that summer mornof her troubles seemed to be lifted from her; the light breeze, the glorious sun overhead, and

And than—the obvious miracle. Sauntering | sessed. Dora, I'm quite a rich man." along, as though he had no purpose in the world, and was very distinctly bored with everything, came Mr. Frank Dorne. So pre-occu- he exclaimed suddenly, "To-day, I mean to pied was he apparently, that he had come right take you prisoner; to live for a few hours the up to the little trembling figure, seated on one old life we promised ourselves, when we were of the seats, before he saw her; and then you little more than boy and girl. You shall take never saw anyone so surprised in all your life. | holiday from your troubles, and—in Dreamland Which of them at that moment blessed Miss The wonderful Nudds found a way; and that | Nudds the more fervently, will for ever remain an open question.

grasped, and then drawn quickly under the Dreamland, and forgotting everything that had arm of a tweed coat. When a man-treats happened in the real substantial world. you in that masterful fashion, what can you

spoke first.

"It's not right at all," she said, in a low please give me back my hand, and say good- suit their own fancy. bye quietly-and go away."

lay quite lightly on his sleeve, she made no at- first time that day, Frank became suddenly tempt to withdraw it. He' laughed, a little serious. It had not been possible for him to boyishly, after a moment or two, and squeezed the hand against his side; and spoke in his turn, without answering her request, however. "It's a very remarkable thing," he said

lightly. "I've been dreaming a dream, Dora: one of those waking dreams, you know; and I felt that I wanted to carry it out to the end. That brought me here this morning." "That's very curious!" she exclaimed, look.

ing up at his face for the first time.

" Extraordinary—isn't it?" he replied calmly · Something seemed to tell me-that I should. to be a little frightened. meet you to day, and I said to myself that if I did, I would have one clear day, in which I say is true," he said. "This marriage is a I would remember only that the sun was shining, and the birds were singing, and that I was in love with Dora-

"Never did I think," said Miss Nudds, "as | hurriedly. "You see, everything is changed; I am not the Dora you knew any longer."

"Oh, but you are," replied Frank stoutly. "That is, of course, in my dream. In my dream we all stand still for ever; the sun always shining, and we are always togetherand we live, and we love, and there's never anything wrong or unhappy, or mean or sordid." "It's a beautiful dream!" said Dora softly. 'Only you see, Frank-"

"Don't wake me from it," said Frank Dorne, again. Was it a diamond?" hurriedly. "In my dream, at least, Dora, I may love you-may feel that you still belong to me. You do love me, dear-don't you ?"

"In real life, you know—it's all different. I am married to someone I don't know, and don't while I speak to you, there are men in this like; someone who ought to be dead . . . no great city who believe that you possess it; even in the Broad Walk at Kensin'ton Gardins about no-I don't mean that; it sounds so brutal. now, while I speak, men are laying plots against eleven-thirty to-morrow, I shouldn't be a bit Only he really ought to have kept his promise, you, in order to get that diamond. You proand not have placed any poor girl in this mised to trust me; give the stone to me." position," she added petulantly.

"Very well, then-in real life we'll call you | she cried quickly. a widow, Dora; because he may have been "Well-I must do a toddle," said Miss as we are not sure that you are a widow-I that I have it. Go at once into the house, and

hadn't wanted to help them all, and if I hadn't laces and ribbons, and other matters. Wrapped believed that you were at the bottom of the sea, up as it was, it was scarcely likely to be noticed. and that I should never see you again."

of Dreamland for a moment-I think I can she had dropped it; it was not there. After a help you more than you imagine; I know the | hurried search all about, she tumbled the whole story of this marriage, by the merest accident. of the contents of the drawer on to the floor, There is a light thrown upon it, in a very and there spread out each article, and shook strange way: I have been told the whole story | and pinched it, to be certain that there was no by someone else. Now, I want you to tell me, mistake about the loss. The drawer was a small on your own account, all that led up to it: I want to understand clearly what has happened, so that I may judge of the position in which l you stand."

Greatly surprised, she told him the story; of the coming of the strange man to the house; of his refusal to see visitors; of the strange doctor, who had assured her and her father that the man must-die before midnight on the day of the marriage. She passed over as lightly as possible the part her father had played in the business; but Frank Dorne understood, only too well, that he had taken a lead in the matter. Finally, after he lad heard the story from beginning to end, he begged her, in the old boyish fashion she remembered so well, to dismiss the matter from her mind.

"Don't think anything more about it-at least, for the moment," he said. "It'll all come right one of these days; and I haven't given you up, by any means. It's a little hard, perhaps, that things should have happened as It really was a very beautiful morning—much | they have; because I came back with a fortune "A fortune?"

"Yes. After that deplorable shipwreck, in which it happened that I was one of those and that long road through Kensington Gardens | saved, I got to Ceylon. There, a good-hearted fellow took pity on me, when I was wandering, ing. Once free from that dreadful house, a few hopeless and homeless, and took me in his employ. He was a very wealthy man, and had several plantations; there was only one draw, the few well-dressed happy people she met back to his luck; he was dying. To cut a long there—all seemed to tell her that life was not story short, I was useful to him, and he took a really the sordid thing it had seemed to be, and | fancy to me. He hadn't kith nor kin in the world: he died, and left me everything he pos-

"I am so glad," she said simply. "And now, Dora, let's back to Dreamland," -we will go and lunch !"

Of course, there was a faint little struggle on IRECTORY the part of the girl about the matter; some Dora rose nervously from her seat, and stood | thought that she ought not to be going off in before him, without daring to raise her eyes; that fashion, to spend a holiday with the man perhaps she felt they might tell him some tale she loved, when she was in reality bound to he ought not to read. Seeing, however, a hand another. But she was young, and so was Frank; stretched out before her, she had of course to and the sun was shining, and holidays were rare take it. The hand she gave him was warmly events. So it ended in their going back to

Thus it came about that they drove through a dream city, with a cheerful ghost of a cabman They strolled quietly on together for a few up behind them, and a rather fine specimen of moments. Frank waiting for the girl to regain a spectre horse in front; that dream waiters her composure. She regained it, more rapidly hurried to put unsubstantial food before them; than he had imagined; and it was she who and that they talked happy talk, that might have been possible if Frank Dorne had never gone on his voyage, and Dora had never met voice. "Of course, I couldn't actually turn Josiah Lagden. They forgot, in fact, all the round and insult you, and refuse to speak to unpleasant things just for an hour or two, and you when you met me in public; but will you lived in an ideal world, which they peopled to

It was quite late when they got back to the Curiously enough, although the little hand little house in Diprose Square. There, for the speak of unpleasant things before; but he knew now that the time had come when he must speak of them. He remembered all that Cowle had said; he knew the danger in which the girl stood.

"Dora-I told you, just a few hours age, Taku that I knew the real story of your marriage. It doesn't matter how I found it out," he went on earnestly; "suffice it that I know all about it, and even the name of the man to whom you are married." She looked at him in wonderment, beginning

"I want you to believe, Dora, that what i would forget all the disagreeable things that mere artifice—a blind, to cover something else. had happened—one clear, bright day in which I don't understand it myself yet; I only know something of what this husband of yours is. I won't tell you now anything about him; I only want you to understand, without being frigh-"Oh, but you mustn't," she interposed tened too much, that you are in danger."

"In danger?" she gasped, looking at him with wide, startled eyes.

"Yes-in danger. Tell me: something was given you, as a sort of wedding present, was it not? That is only a guess on my part; part of a theory I have formed."

"Yes-something very strange was given to me," she replied. "I thought so. He set his lips tightly, and

looked at her with a grave face. "I'll guess

. She nodded slowly, without speaking.

"There could be no worse wedding present for anyone, my dear," he said. "Men have "In the dream—yes," said Dora, demurely. been murdered for that stone; it has behind it a long and awful track of crime. Even now, "But you-you would be in danger then,"

He shook his head. "I think not," he recomfortably somewhere else. Consequently— self; in the second, there is no one to suspect

She glanced at him for a moment, and then went quickly in. She had put the stone in the

It happens, however, in this world of cross- / listeners. Frank gravely concealed a rising | more than I can say. I never would have possessed it—in a drawer which contained a |

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